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Today's Topics:
                    DC-grounds in modular construction
                        Julieboard part sources

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Which is the prefered way to connect DC ground (and control signal
grounds) to a modular construction (each function in a separate
shielded box and RF-connections thru BNC/SMA connectors) ? Is it
through the boxis or with separate grounding wires from each module
to the power supply ?

The former works well if the shielded boxes are mounted on a metallic
mounting frames *and* the module is allways in the box. This is not
usually the case during construction and testing and the grounding
would go through the coax shield (only if the coax is connected to
a near by DC-grounded module).

In the latter case by connecting DC-power and DC-ground from each
module to the power supply (by twisted pair cable to minimize
RF-pickup), DC-ground is garanteed to be connected whenewer DC-power

is connected. The problem is that there are lots of ground loops.
Would a small inductance in the DC-ground leads break these ground
loops and if so, how large should the reactance be at the operating
frequency ? How about 1/4 wave (or 3/4, 5/4 etc.) long DC-power and
DC-ground lines ?

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As quoted from <1993Aug21.195603.9223@vicstoy.UUCP> by kc4zvw@vicstoy.UUCP (David
Billsbrough):

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> In an article of 73 mag (August), there is a project for a DDS synthesizer.
> The parts list includes a Harris HSP45102 and a CA3338AE. A previous
> message mentioned Wyle Labs as a source for these items. Can anyone
> post an address or telephone number for this or another supplier. Also
> specify the minimum order limits of supplier if known.
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> // David //

Dunno where Wyle Labs is, but the CA3338E *is* available from DigiKey,
for around $14-ish. Another part you'll need is the Coilcraft filter,
which Digikey doesn't carry either. Additionally, have you looked at
the circuit board artwork? Many of the traces are shorted together.
You'll have to buy a board from the author anyway, so it may be easier
to just get the whole kit (but there were no prices listed).

I'm trying to get a sample chip from my local Harris rep to play with.
It looks to be comparable to the Q2220 I used, but with finer steps
and not-so-easy to parallel-load it. It would make a nice

DDS-controlled PLL for VHF work, though...

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